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1. AN ARTICLE IN THE JUNE 1 "TIMES OF INDIA" BY THE PAPER'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT M.V. KAMATH REPORTS THAT "KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES" IN WASHINGTON EXPECT AFRICA TO FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN TALKS BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND PM DESAI DURING THE LATTER'S US VISIT. THE US IS SAID TO BE ANXIOUS FOR INDIA TO SEE "THE QUESTION OF ALLEGED SOVIET INTERFERENCE IN AFRICA THROUGH ITS SURROGATES" FROM THE WESTERN PERSPECTIVE, AND KAMATH SPECULATES -- WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY GOI POLICY -- THAT AFRICA MAY JOIN THE NUCLEAR ISSUE AS "ANOTHER DIVISIVE SUBJECT HAUNTING INDO-AMERICAN RELATIONS."

2. PARAPHRASING AT LENGTH CUBA'S DENIAL BEFORE THE UNGA OF ANY INVOLVEMENT IN THE SHABA INVASION, KAMATH ALSO REMARKS THAT "THE IRONY OF NATO POWERS TALKING OF INCREASED ARMAMENTS IN WASHINGTON WHILE AT THE UNITED NATIONS SPEECHES ARE MADE ADVOCATING DISARMAMENT, HAS NOT BEEN LOST ON THIRD WORLD LEADERS." HE POINTS TO THE US, AS THE LEADER OF NATO, AS THE FIRST TO PRESS FOR AN
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"AMBITIOUS PROGRAM OF DEFENSE" EVEN THOUGH A LEAKED TOP SECRET NATO STUDY HAS CONCLUDED THAT GROWING SOVIET ECONOMIC WEAKNESSES WILL PRESENT THE MORE ECONOMICALLY POWERFUL WESTERN COUNTRIES WITH NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO MODERATE SOVIET BEHAVIOR IN THE 1980S.
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